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Community Connections — August 2026



Join Us for an Afternoon of Fun at — Ready Set Thrive — A Mental Wellness Celebration

Do you remember what you were doing 45 years ago? CMHF was forming its first Board of Trustees and establishing partnerships with county mental health providers to distribute newly approved levy funds.

Along with the community, we're celebrating the positive impact of those partnerships, some of which are still going strong, at Ready Set Thrive! on September 12 from 11-2 pm at [The Gathering KC](#).

This **free, all-ages event** will have something for everyone:

- Information and resources from more than 25 network partners

- Great food from Operation Breakthrough's [Ignition Lab](#) food truck
- Carnival games, face painting, and balloon animals for children
- Photo booths, giveaways, performances and special programming

If you're a community partner and would like to help us get the word out, we have ready-made social posts waiting to be shared. [Email us](#), and we'll send them your way. 🎉

Visit our [website](#) for additional information on the day's festivities. See you at Ready Set Thrive!



2027 Fee-for Service Grant Applications

If you're an existing fee-for-service agency in our network, mark these important upcoming dates on your calendar:

- September 8 — [applications open](#)
- September 15 - 10:30 - 11:30 — Pre-proposal [Zoom meeting](#) to review new applications system & answer questions
- October 9 — application deadline

The 2027 contract year covers January 1, 2027 — December 31, 2027. Visit our [website](#) for more details.

CMHF Announces Inaugural Community Grant Awards

Meet nine additional grassroots organizations supporting Jackson County residents' mental health from the ground up.



Promoting Mental Wellness, Community Acceptance, & Hope

A collage of programs offered by NAMI Greater Kansas City. Image courtesy of NAMI Greater Kansas City.

From Oak Grove to the urban core, our Community Grant recipients offer unique programs designed to achieve positive mental health-related outcomes. Collectively, they support Jackson County youth, adults, families, and older adults' evolving mental health needs. The [complete award list](#) and program descriptions are available on our website.

Organization	Program	Award
KC Mothers in Charge	Family Trauma Stabilization Program	\$49,500
Keeping Communities on Guard	Mobile Behavioral Health and Stability Services Network	\$34,000
Lyrik's Institution		\$50,000

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<u>Mental Health America of the Heartland</u>	Heartland Housing Initiative	\$50,000
<u>Missouri Assoc. for Infant & Early, Childhood Mental Health (MOAIMH-EC)</u>	Held in Mind: Strengthening the Jackson County Early Childhood Workforce	\$14,000
<u>NAMI Greater Kansas City,</u>	Strengthening Mental Wellness Through Expanded Family Support Groups & Evidence-Based Education	\$50,000
<u>Northeast Community, Center</u>	Harmony Together	\$49,450
<u>Rise and Shine Foundation, Inc.</u>	Rise and Shine	\$50,000
<u>Youth Guidance Kansas City,</u>	Becoming a Man (BAM) and Working on Womanhood (WOW)	\$40,000

Explore our new Community Grant agencies

Staff Snaps

Recently, the CMHF staff took a few hours to express their creativity during a staff outing at Alba Laredo Ceramics. You could practically hear the dopamine flowing

as we immersed ourselves in making art!



Interested in being highlighted on CMHF's social media and in our newsletter? Reach out to smccall@jacksoncountycares.org.

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